GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2623
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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION
NIVEDITA MANE;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;TUFANI SAROJ

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of child deaths cases due to malnutrition in the country that have come to the notices of the Government during the last three years, till date, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to constitute a `National Nutrition Mission`;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the targets fixed for the mission;

(d) by when the set targets are likely to be achieved;

(e) whether the Government have also made a provision to penalize the persons who show laxity in the mission; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): The details of number of child deaths due to malnutrition are not being centrally maintained.

(b)to(f): The Prime Minister in his Independence Day speech on 15.8.2001 had announced that a `National Nutrition Mission` would be launched. The composition, structure and terms of reference of the Mission are under the process of formulation in the Department of Women and Child Development in the Government of India.